

REMARKS

The following are applicant's response to issues raised in the order as presented in the current Office Action.

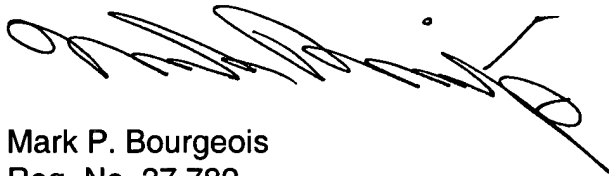
Election/Restriction:

Applicants elect to prosecute without prejudice the invention of Group I, claims 1-21. Applicants reserve the right to submit a divisional application on the unelected invention of Group II.

Conclusion:

The Examiner's attention to the patent application is appreciated. The Examiner is encouraged to call Applicant's representative for any reason to move the application towards allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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